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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2005, with the three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.